



### **Governor accepts recommendation to modernize FSSA eligibility processes**

(November 29) Governor Mitch Daniels accepted a recommendation from an inter-agency team that calls for contracting for back office services to improve customer service, reduce waste and fraud and

improve Indiana's poor welfare-to-work record. **The governor also announced the creation of 1,000 new jobs in Indiana by IBM and its partners.**

The governor received the recommendation from an inter-agency team appointed to review the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) eligibility modernization project on November 22. It is a scaled back hybrid approach that would use Hoosiers in the private and public sectors to provide administrative support for the eligibility determination process, saving nearly \$500 million in administrative costs alone over the next 10 years. The proposed contract would be awarded to an International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) led coalition.

[Read the news release.](#) Click [here](#) to visit Governor Daniels' Web site to listen to audio from the news conference.

### **Governor to propose full day kindergarten plan**

Governor Daniels will talk about his plan to make full day kindergarten available to children across the state on Tuesday at the Indiana Youth Institute's Issues & Answers forum at the Hyatt Hotel in downtown Indianapolis. More information to come.

### **Governor applauds Duke coal gasification development**

(November 30) Duke Energy Indiana learned that the Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC) 'clean coal' technology plant proposed for Edwardsport by Duke and Vectren Energy Delivery of Indiana, has been awarded \$133.5 million in federal energy tax credits. Governor Mitch Daniels applauded the announcement:

"This is another important step in securing Indiana's homegrown energy future. The Edwardsport project would boost the economy of southwest Indiana, provide needed jobs, and enable expanded coal use well into the future. Duke Energy's good news is good news for all of Indiana."

### **Governor names Burdick as deputy chief of staff**

(November 30) Governor Mitch Daniels announced the promotion of Betsy Burdick to deputy chief of staff. She has served as director of cabinet and agency affairs for the past two years.

[Read the news release.](#)

### **Carter named new director of DNR**

(November 21) Department of Natural Resources Director Kyle Hupfer will be leaving state government after a two year commitment to pursue a new position as general counsel for ProLiance Energy in Indianapolis. The governor has selected Robert Carter, Jr., the department's director of law enforcement, to replace him. [Read the news release.](#)

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